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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAN SALVADOR 2769

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS, PINT, SHUM, ASEC, ES
SUBJECT: MNTSUMOTO KIDNAPPING

REF: SAN SALVADOR 2665

1. NEARLY ONE WEEK HAS PASSED SINCE FRIDAY NOON DEADLINE SET BY KIDNAPPERS OF JAPANESE BUSINESSMAN FUJIO MATSUMOTO FOR MEETING THEIR POLITICAL DEMANDS.
 2. VARIOUS RUMORS HAVE SWEPT SAN SALVADOR DURING THE WEEK, SOME OF THEM CATEGORICALLY ALLEGING THAT MATSUMOTO'S BODY HAS BEEN DISCOVERED. ALTHOUGH SOME OF THESE RUMORS HAVE FOUND THEIR WAY INTO THE INTERNATIONAL PRESS, NONE HAS BEEN CONFIRMED.
 3. IN LATE WEDNESDAY TALK WITH ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER, HE EXPRESSED VIEW THAT KIDNAPPERS HAD BY NOW SWITCHED FROM POLITICAL TO ECONOMIC DEMANDS.
 4. AS OF EARLY THURSDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 1, JAPANESE EMBASSY TELLS US MATSUMOTO CASE IS "STAGNANT." PHONE CALLS CONTINUE TO COME IN FROM PERSONS OR GROUPS ATTEMPTING IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER TO CASH IN ON THE SITUATION, BUT NONE OF THESE APPEAR TO BE FROM ACTUAL KIDNAPPERS.
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LAST AUTHORITATIVE CONTACT IS BELIEVED BY JAPANESE EMBASSY TO HAVE BEEN THAT REPORTED REFTEL. THEY SPECULATED THAT SILENCE SINCE THEN MAY REPRESENT "WAR OF NERVES."
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